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EXECUTIVE ORDER

WHEREAS, the Governor's Committee on Criminal Administration and Juvenile Delinquency established by Executive Order Number 25 on December 16, 1968, has discharged with distinction its originally assigned responsibilities to assess crime and juvenile delinquency and to recommend goals, policies and actions to improve law enforcement and the administration of justice in South Carolina; and

WHEREAS, to prevent crime and to insure the greater safety of the people, law enforcement efforts, concern for offender rehabilitation and juvenile delinquency control must be better coordinated, intensified and made more effective at all levels of governments; and

WHEREAS the State of South Carolina is committed to the ideals of a more effective Criminal Justice System which protects society's and the individual's rights; and

WHEREAS it is necessary in the public interest to create a consolidated agency to assist state and local government agencies to strengthen and improve law enforcement, crime prevention, rehabilitation efforts and control of juvenile delinquency; and

WHEREAS it is in the best interest that the Governor's Committee on Criminal Administration and Juvenile Delinquency and its implementing agency be provided permanency and guidelines to better accomplish their goals;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, John C. West, as Governor of the State of South Carolina, by virtue of the requirements imposed and the powers conferred upon me by the Constitution and Law of this state, do hereby order that the Governor's Committee on Criminal Administration and Juvenile Delinquency be renamed Governor's Committee on Criminal Justice, Crime and Delinquency and be referred to as the Committee.

There is hereby created within the Division of Administration, Office of the Governor, the Office of Criminal Justice Programs, which is hereby designated as the state planning agency for criminal justice planning and administration purposes, as required under the Omnibus Crime Control and Safe Streets Act of 1968 and its related amendments and regulations.

The Governor's Committee is hereby designated as the supervisory board of the required state planning agency. The Committee shall advise the Governor on criminal justice policy matters and it shall be responsible for reviewing, approving and maintaining general oversight of the criminal justice planning and administration activities of the required state planning agency.

The Committee shall be composed of persons named by the Governor who are representative of criminal justice agencies, units of local government and public agencies maintaining programs to reduce and control crime. The following persons shall be named as voting members;

S. C. Department of Corrections--Director  
Probation, Parole & Pardon Board--Director  
State Law Enforcement Division--Chief  
Attorney General  
State Highway Patrol--Director  
Vocational Rehabilitation Department--Director  
Department of Youth Services--Director  
S. C. Association of Counties--President  
S. C. Municipal Association--President  
Supreme Court--Court Administrator  
Public Defenders' Association--President

Additional voting and non-voting members shall be named by the Governor at his discretion assuring adequate minority representation. The number of voting members on the Committee shall not exceed 25. All Regional Advisory Task Forces shall also reflect adequate minority representation as well as representation similar to the composition of the Committee.

The Chairman and Vice-Chairman of the Committee shall be named by the Governor. A majority of the members present at any regular or called meeting shall constitute a quorum. Committee members shall not be entitled to compensation for their services but they shall be reimbursed for expenses incurred in the performance of their duties as provided under State law and regulations.

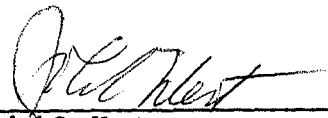
The Office of Criminal Justice Programs, in the Division of Administration, shall include the Law Enforcement Assistance Program and the Comprehensive Offender Rehabilitation Program. It shall also serve as the State Criminal Justice Data Center with the responsibility for coordinating the South Carolina comprehensive criminal justice data system. Additional programs related to the criminal justice process may be established in the Office as required. Upon the recommendation of the Committee, the Governor shall appoint a full-time Director of the Office of Criminal Justice Programs who shall hold his position at the pleasure of the Governor and shall be paid compensation as the Governor may fix, and who shall be Executive Director of the Governor's Committee on Criminal Justice, Crime and Delinquency. The Director shall be responsible for the overall direction and the day-to-day supervision of the Office of Criminal Justice Programs. The Director shall employ such personnel and contract for such consulting services as may be required to carry out the purposes of this directive.

The Office of Criminal Justice Programs and the Governor's Committee on Criminal Justice, Crime and Delinquency shall:

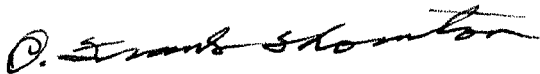
- (a) compile data, establish needs and set priorities for funding as policy recommendations for the Governor;
- (b) receive and analyze criminal and administrative data from state and local criminal justice agencies, and make available to these agencies reports of this analysis;
- (c) prepare Statewide plans, for adoption by the Governor, which are designated to improve systematically the administration of criminal justice and the reduction of crime in South Carolina and revise them from time to time as may be appropriate;
- (d) advise State and local interests of opportunities for securing Federal assistance for crime reduction and for improving criminal justice administration and planning within the State of South Carolina;
- (e) stimulate and seek financial support from Federal, State, and local government and private sources for programs and projects which implement adopted criminal justice administration improvement and crime reduction plans;
- (f) assist State agencies and units of general local government and combinations thereof in the preparation and processing of applications for financial aid to support improved criminal justice administration, planning, and crime reduction;
- (g) encourage and assist in the coordination of programs and activities of the several interests in the criminal justice system at the Federal, State and local government levels in the preparation and implementation of adopted criminal justice administration improvements and crime reduction plans;

- (h) apply for, receive, disburse and audit the use of funds received by the Office of Criminal Justice Programs from any public and private agencies and instrumentalities for criminal justice administration, planning, and crime reduction purposes; consistent with the policies of the Division of Administration;
- (i) enter into, monitor and evaluate the results of contracts and agreements necessary or incidental to the discharge of responsibilities assigned;
- (j) promulgate and administer such reasonable rules, regulations, policies and procedures as may be necessary to insure the effective and efficient discharge of responsibilities assigned; and
- (k) take such other actions as may be necessary and appropriate to carry out assigned duties and responsibilities.

Given under my hand and the  
Great Seal of the State of  
South Carolina, at Columbia,  
South Carolina, this 31st  
day of August, 1973

  
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John C. West  
Governor of South Carolina

ATTEST:

  
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O. Frank Thornton  
Secretary of State